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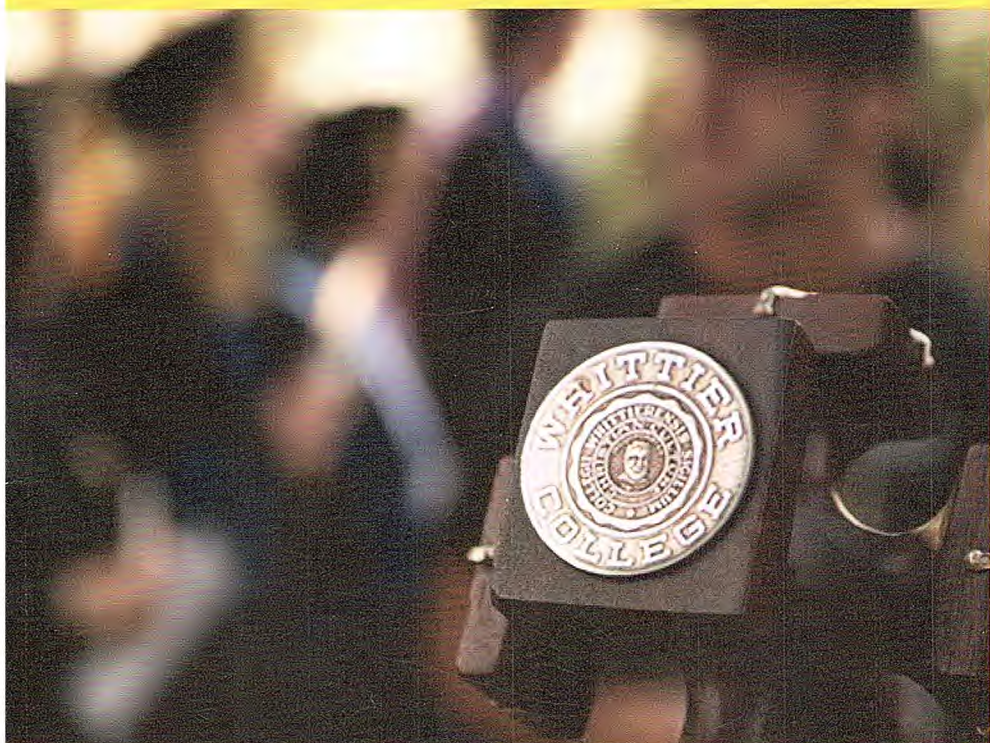
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WHITTIER COLLEGE 110TH COMMENCEMENT

MAY 17, 2013



THE ONE-HUNDRED TENTH
WHITTIER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT



Hail to the coming singers! Hail to the brave light-bringers! Forward
reach and share, all that they sing and dare."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Three Dances – Tylman Susato

Ronde-Saltarel-Pavan

Magnificat Frimi Toni – Johann Pachelbel

Music for Queen Mary II – Henry Purcell

March-Anthem-Canzona

Canzona per Sonare No. 1 – La Spritata – Giovanni Gabrieli

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance – Sir Edward Elgar

Arranged by Stephen Billington

INVOCATION

Rabbi Mark B. Goldfarb, M.A.H.L.

Temple Beth Ohr, La Mirada

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

Sharon D. Herzberger, Ph.D.

WELCOME FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Donald J. Herrema '74, Chairman of the Board

RECOGNITION OF THE FACULTY AND RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 NERHOOD TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

President Herzberger

SENIOR SPEAKER

Emily Baeza '13

PRESENTATION OF SONIA NAZARIO

José Orozco, Associate Professor of History

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DOCTORATE

President Herzberger

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Presentation of Master of Arts Candidates
Presentation of Bachelor of Arts Candidates
Charlotte G. Borst, Ph.D., Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2013

President Herzberger

SCHOOL SONG – “FRIENDS FOREVER”

Whittier College Vocal Ensemble
Directed by Stephen Cook, D.M.A.
Associate Professor of Music

RECESSIONAL

Trumpet Tune – Henry Purcell
Solemn Music – Walter S. Hartley
Prelude-Anthem-Postlude

MARSHALS

Devin Imoto, Ph.D., Mace Bearer
David B. Bourgaize, Ph.D.
Lorinda B. Camparo, Ph.D.
Wendy Furman-Adams, Ph.D.
Sal A. Johnston, Ph.D.
Deborah L. Norden, Ph.D.
David I. Paddy, Ph.D.
Brian A. Reed, M.F.A.
Patricia A. Van Oosbree, Ph.D.

(The audience is requested to remain seated until the
faculty and graduates have exited.)

President Herzberger and members to the faculty will host a reception
for the Class of 2013 on the baseball field, immediately following
Commencement.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Sonia Nazario's stories have focused on some of this country's most intractable problems: hunger, drug addiction, and immigration. A highly-acclaimed journalist, she is best known for relating the true story of an Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the United States in a national bestselling book, *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother*.

Enrique's Journey first appeared as a series in the *Los Angeles Times* and won more than a dozen awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2003, the George Polk Award for International Reporting, the Grand Prize of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists Guillermo Martinez-Marquez Award for Overall Excellence. Expanded into a book, *Enrique's Journey* won three book awards and has been required reading for all first-year students at nearly 60 universities and dozens of high schools nationwide. At Whittier, the book was widely read by the Class of 2013 in preparation for a visit to campus by the author in 2009.

Ms. Nazario has spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues, most recently as a projects reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*. She has won numerous national journalism and book awards and has been named among the most influential Latinos by *Hispanic Business* magazine and as a "trendsetter" by *Hispanic* magazine. In 2012 *Columbia Journalism Review* named her among "40 women who changed the media business in the past 40 years."

Ms. Nazario, who grew up in Kansas and in Argentina, has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States. Her career began at the *Wall Street Journal*, where she reported from four bureaus: New York, Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles. In 1993, she joined the *Los Angeles Times*.

Also dedicated to improving the lives of others through service, Ms. Nazario sits on the board of various non-profit organizations.

Ms. Nazario is a graduate of Williams College and has a master's degree in Latin American studies from the University of California, Berkeley. She lives in Southern California.

SCHOOL SONG

FRIENDS FOREVER

Words by Margaretha Lohmann, Professor of Music
Directed by Professor Stephen Cook

*Hail to thee, dear Whittier,
Home of friends forever;
Thou art virtuous, Whittier,
In thy high endeavor.*

*Now we charge thee, Whittier,
Home where peace and truth are nourished.
Grant to youth thy spirit till hopes and dreams have
fully flourished.*

*Forward ever, Whittier;
Falter never, Whittier;
Friends forever, Whittier;
Alma mater, Whittier.*

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WHITTIER COLLEGE AT 125 YEARS

Established in 1887 as Whittier Academy by the Religious Society of Friends (commonly known as Quakers) and chartered as a post-secondary institution by the State of California in 1901, Whittier College has built an illustrious legacy throughout its 125 years of educating students. Named for prominent Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier, the College has faithfully upheld the academic mission, core values, and intellectual ideals set forth by its founders and its namesake. As such, it has offered a curricula that teaches—as well as a community that embraces—respect for the individual, freedom of conscience, integrity, social responsibility and justice, and internationalism.

The commitment to these guiding principles has ensured Whittier College's place in history, and as a result, Whittier graduates have been at the forefront of civic and civil leadership for more than 12 decades. Alumni have gone on to careers and leadership positions in business, politics, science, education, and the humanities, all the while serving their respective communities with purpose, character, and compassion.

Today, Whittier College is a cosmopolitan vanguard of 21st century society, recognized worldwide as a distinctive and relevant liberal arts college, offering additional graduate degrees in both education and law. More than 50 percent of Whittier College undergraduates, and three of its four Rhodes Scholars, are from underrepresented ethnic and international groups; this kind of cultural diversity, which permeates both classroom and campus community, profoundly strengthens intellectual discourse and provides a realistic exposure to the kind of world students will enter upon graduation. Students and faculty continue a long tradition of community service, echoing the Quaker conviction that helping others is a moral obligation. International study opportunities enrich every field and major, reflecting the Quaker idea that truth transcends the boundaries of race, culture, and nation. Whittier Law School, located on a separate campus in Costa Mesa, extends these educational values and core principals, preparing students for legal careers through a curriculum and practice that emphasizes social service, conflict resolution, international jurisprudence, and professional ethics.

Through its 125 years of history and heritage, Whittier College has had much to be proud of and celebrate. With this Class of 2013, this most excellent legacy is assured.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic costume and ceremony dates from 12th and 13th century Europe and the medieval universities of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, and Cambridge. Originally, the university was an association of “masters of arts” and the degree was the step taken to become a full member. The new master was admitted to begin teaching; the word “commencement” described that rite of passage.

The most common articles of daily attire then were long flowing gowns and cloaks, with hoods attached for headwear; subsequently, hats became prominent. In England, details of scholars’ apparel and occasions for use were strictly prescribed by university statutes.

The origin of the Oxford “mortarboard” cap is a mystery. It may well have evolved from forcing the rather square-shaped, outdoor biretta over the close-fitting, indoor skull cap commonly worn by university scholars in medieval times.

American academic regalia is an inheritance primarily from Britain. The 1895 Intercollegiate Code provides the fundamental regulation. Gowns for all three degree levels are basic black and similar in shape, although sleeve patterns differ. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet, with three bars per sleeve. The black mortarboard cap is common to all degrees.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic dress. The color and style distinguish degree level, college or university, and discipline, although proliferation of fields and institutions does not always allow easy identification. Hoods are all black, and they become longer and wider with more advanced degrees. All are lined inside with silk in the academic colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The outer velvet trim on the hood, which becomes broader with the higher degrees, indicates the academic discipline. The white border for arts and letters emanates from the fur trim of the Oxford and Cambridge bachelor of arts degree. Red is the traditional color of the Church, and scarlet indicates theology. The royal purple of King’s Court signifies the law. Green, the color of medicinal herbs, stands for medicine. Golden yellow indicates science, for through research untold wealth has been given to the world. Oxford pink indicates music. Russet brown for forestry is a tribute to the old-time dress of English foresters. Blue, the color of wisdom and truth, represents philosophy and is used on the trim for most academics who hold the doctor of philosophy degree, regardless of which discipline they studied in the arts and sciences.

THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was carried into battle by churchmen who were forbidden by church law to bear edged weapons. The mace was later carried before the king by his bodyguard and eventually became the symbol of authority. A mace is now commonly used by governments and by institutions of higher learning in ceremonial processions.

Founded by Quakers in 1887, Whittier College is an independent, four-year college offering a traditional liberal arts program integrated with both professional and pre-professional courses of study. With an emphasis on diversity, community, and curricular innovation, the College's primary mission is to endow students with the education, skills, and values appropriate for global leadership and service.

